



Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum

All Aboard! Scavenger Hunt

For Middle & High School Students

Answer Key

Trivia

As you tour the exhibit, answer these trivia questions. Answers can be found in the reading sections of each display.

1. How much money did Illinois Central Railroad spend on the construction of Springfield's Union Station?

\$75,000

2. In what architectural style was Union Station designed?

Romanesque Revival

3. When did Springfield's Union Station close?

April 30, 1971

4. Why was its 110-foot-tall clock tower dismantled in 1947?

Safety concerns

5. When was the clock tower reconstructed?

2006

6. How did the Transcontinental Railroad unify the nation?

It connected the people and commerce of the East and West.

7. How long did it take to complete the Transcontinental Railroad?

Seven (7) years

8. How many miles of track did the Transcontinental Railroad consist of?

1,776 miles of track

9. What material was the ceremonial spike that marked the completion of the Transcontinental Railroad made of?

17.6 karat gold

10. What happened to the spike immediately after it was hammered into place? Why?

It was removed to prevent the spike from being stolen, since it was made from solid gold.

11. When railroads were first being constructed, what was the range of width between tracks used by different companies?

4-6 feet

12. What is the width (in feet and inches) of Standard Gauge tracks?

4 feet, 8.5 inches

13. How did the Transcontinental Railroad standardize time?

It implemented four time zones that the rest of the country adopted.

14. In what year were the General Railroad Timepiece Standards implemented? Why were these timepiece standards implemented?

General Railroad Timepiece Standards were implemented in 1893 in response to a terrible train wreck in 1891 that was caused by inconsistent timekeeping.

15. Why did Fred Harvey hire women instead of men as train wait staff? How did this impact the lives of women at the time?

He believed that women had "good moral character." The wages and travel experience Harvey Girls received gave women a level of independence that was unheard of for the time period.

16. How many pieces make up the Lincoln Funeral Train Model?

725 pieces

17. What were Pullman train cars known for?

They were known for the best amenities available, such as chandeliers and comfortable beds.

18. What relation of Abraham Lincoln's became the president of the Pullman company?

Robert Todd Lincoln, Abraham Lincoln's son.

Glossary

After reading the information in the exhibit, what do you think the words below mean? Write their definitions below each word.

Transcontinental Railroad

A train route that connected the Eastern and Western United States, completed in 1869. It “connected the people and commerce of the East and West.”

Standard Gauge

All train tracks must be 4 feet, 8.5 inches in width. In early railroad history in the United States, track width ranged from 4-6 feet, which caused complications, so the U.S. adopted Standard Gauge measurements to solve the problems caused by inconsistencies in track width.

Harvey Girls

Women between the ages of 18 and 30 who were hired as wait staff in Fred Harvey’s dining car facilities. According to Harvey, these women had to have “good moral character.” These women earned independence through the pay and travel experience a job as a Harvey Girl provided.

Pullman cars

Railroad sleeping cars that were built by the Pullman Company. The Pullman Company was founded by George Pullman in 1867. The wages and travel experience Harvey Girls received gave women a level of independence that was unheard of for the time period.

What Do You Think?

Choose two changes that were made to the railroad that you think affect(ed) people’s lives.

Discuss with a partner or decide yourself.

Name of the Change <i>(Possible Answers)</i>	How do you think this change affected the lives of people in the past?	How does this change affect our lives today?
<i>A transcontinental railway system</i> <i>Standard gauge tracks</i>		
<i>General Railroad Timepiece Standards</i> <i>Harvey Girls</i> <i>Pullman cars</i>		

Use this page to draw your favorite object in the exhibit or use this space to draw and design your own Pullman train car.